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Sudan thwarts coup attempt linked to Bashir regime

Sudan's fragile transitional government said it foiled an attempted coup early yesterday involving military officers and civilians linked to the ousted regime of long-time President Omar al-Bashir.

Unvaccinated Bolsonaro eats pizza on New York sidewalk

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro ate pizza on the sidewalk in New York ahead of the UN General Assembly, likely because he doesn't meet the city's Covid-19 vaccine requirements for indoor dining.



Canada's Liberal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, accompanied by his wife Sophie Gregoire and their children Ella-Grace and Xavier, waves to supporters during the Liberal election night party in Montreal, Quebec, Canada yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Quote of the day



On one hand, you're raising fresh funds to avert a crisis and on the other hand money that is theirs -- belongs to them -- they cannot use.

PAK FM SHAH MAHMOOD QURESHI CALLS FOR UNFREEZING OF AFGHAN ASSETS

World faces 'decisive decade'

Says Biden in his first address to UN, vows to take global leadership role on crises from climate to pandemic

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US President Joe Biden yesterday pledged cooperation with allies through "a decisive decade for our world" in his first address to the United Nations.

His reassurances come amid tensions with allies over the US' Afghanistan withdrawal and a major diplomatic row with France over a submarine deal.

Biden campaigned on returning America to a global leadership role, which he reaffirmed yesterday. "I believe we must work together like never before," said the president.

Biden said the United States does not seek a "new Cold War," in a reference to relations with China.

"The United States is ready to work with any nation that steps up and pursues peaceful resolution to share challenges even if we have intense disagreement in other areas."

He vowed to pivot away from post-9/11 conflicts and take a global leadership role on crises from climate to the pandemic.

LEADERS' SPEECHES AT UNGA

UN chief urges US-China dialogue, warns of divisions

Palestinian state 'best way' to resolve conflict with Israel: Biden

Brazil is committed to environmental protection: Bolsonaro

A sovereign and democratic Palestinian state is the "best way" to ensure Israel's future, he said.

He renewed offer to 'return to full' nuclear deal 'if Iran does the same'.

Biden also pledged to work with Congress to double funds by 2024 for helping developing nations deal with climate change to \$11.4 billion per year, which would help achieve a global goal set more than a decade ago to mobilize \$100

billion per year to support climate action in vulnerable countries.

Opening the UN General Assembly, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned of growing divisions between the United States and China and urged dialogue, reports AFP.

"I fear our world is creeping towards two different sets of economic, trade, financial and technology rules, two divergent approaches in the development of artificial intelligence -- and ultimately two different military and geopolitical strategies," Guterres said.

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro told the assembly that his country's environmental laws should serve as a model for the world, reinforcing his government's commitment to eliminating illegal deforestation, reports Reuters.

TENSIONS IN INDO-PACIFIC REGION

Macron, Modi vow to 'act jointly'

AFP, Paris

President Emmanuel Macron and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday vowed to "act jointly" in the Indo-Pacific region, the French presidency said, as a row with Australia and the US intensifies.

In telephone talks, both leaders said they would "act jointly in an open and inclusive Indo-Pacific area", days after Australia pulled out of a submarine contract with France in favour of US submarines as part of an alliance with Washington and the UK.

Macron assured Modi of France's continued "commitment to the strengthening of India's strategic autonomy, including its industry and technology base, as part of a close relationship based on trust and mutual respect".

The statement from Macron's office said France and India's shared approach would be aimed at promoting "regional stability and the rule of law, while ruling out any form of hegemony".

Macron's discussion with the Indian leader came before a planned conversation with US President Joe Biden.

France is furious with the US for secretly leading talks about a new strategic alliance, AUKUS, and a deal for the delivery of American nuclear-powered submarines to Australia, calling the move "a stab in the back".

EXPOSING EMAILS OF 250 AFGHAN INTERPRETERS

UK apologises for error

AFP, London

Britain's defence ministry has apologised after it accidentally revealed the email addresses of more than 250 Afghan interpreters seeking to move to the UK.

The error came as the UK acknowledged it had left behind hundreds of Afghans eligible for relocation in the rushed evacuation following the Taliban takeover.

The BBC reported that an email sent by a defence ministry team promising help with relocation mistakenly copied in the addresses of more than 250 people, so they were visible to all recipients.

Many addresses also contained photographs. The ministry reportedly sent another message 30 minutes later, advising the recipients to change their email addresses.

An interpreter told the broadcaster the mistake "could cost the life of interpreters, especially for those who are still in Afghanistan".

A defence ministry spokesperson said

late on Monday that an investigation had been launched into a "data breach of information from the Afghan Relocations Assistance Policy team".

"We apologise to everyone impacted by this breach and are working hard to ensure it does not happen again," said the spokesperson.

The data breach prompted anger from Conservative MP and former veterans minister Johnny Mercer, who called it a "criminally negligent performance".

In August, The Times newspaper reported that it had found contact details of staff and job applicants left behind at the British embassy compound in Kabul, potentially endangering them.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson earlier this month said 311 people were left behind who were eligible under the UK's Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy, such as interpreters.

"We will do everything we can to ensure that those people get the safe passage that they deserve," he told parliament.

Sweden blocks naming baby 'Vladimir Putin'

AFP, Stockholm

Sweden's tax authority has rejected a couple's request to name their newly born son "Vladimir Putin," arguing the name was inappropriate.

The Swedish Tax Agency ruling said that under the country's law "first names can only be names that cannot cause offence, or be assumed to cause distress, to the person carrying the name". It added that "surnames are not suitable as first names, and this also applies to names that resemble surnames," said the ruling.

The tax agency also refused to consider "Vladimir" and "Putin" as two separate first names.

Honour your pledges

UN chief, UK PM urge world leaders to deliver on their commitments toward \$100b per year climate fund

REUTERS, United Nations

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson urged leaders of the world's major economies including the United States to deliver on their commitments toward a \$100 billion per year climate fund with less than six weeks to go before a UN climate summit.



countries representing industrialized nations, emerging economies and vulnerable developing countries.

Those involved in the roundtable included the United States, China, India, EU nations as well as Costa Rica, the Maldives and a mix of developing and middle income countries and industrialized nations.

Johnson told reporters that he is hopeful the United States can deliver on a promise to step up its share of money toward the \$100 billion annual goal but "we've been here before" and

"we're not counting our chickens."

US Climate Envoy John Kerry, who represented the United States at Monday's meeting, said Washington would deliver more climate aid ahead of the October 31-November 12 COP26 Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland.

Guterres told reporters after the roundtable that he heard "encouraging declarations" about raising financial support to help developing countries deal with climate change.

One UN official described the discussions as "brutally honest" about expectations for the summit and that there "was a collective sense of 'we're in trouble'".

The roundtable discussion aimed to ensure a successful outcome at the conference even as reports show major economies being far off track on their emission reduction goals and climate finance commitments.

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